



## PROTECT YOUR NAIL SALON WORKERS FROM CHEMICAL EXPOSURE

SafeWork NSW is here to help you protect your workers from harm when using nail products.

This self-assessment tool will help you and your workers work safely with chemicals and to avoid damaging chemical exposure.

If you suffer headaches, eye, skin or nose irritations after using chemicals (nail products), you have not used them safely.

For regular users, like you or your staff, these chemicals can cause serious problems such as skin damage, respiratory and nervous system illness, or organ damage.

### SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR NAIL SALON OWNERS OR MANAGERS

Take necessary action to make sure all boxes are ticked as boxes that are unticked may indicate unsafe work practices. If you are unsure, give us a call.

#### REGULATORY INFORMATION

Read and understand the Code of Practice on managing the risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace, then apply its safe work practices [www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/managing-risks-of-hazardous-chemicals-in-the-workplace](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/managing-risks-of-hazardous-chemicals-in-the-workplace).

Read and understand the content of the fact sheet on Understanding of Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for Hazardous Chemicals [www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/sds%20-%20fact-sheet](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/sds%20-%20fact-sheet).

Read and understand the content of the fact sheet on Hazardous Chemicals Register [www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/hazardous-chemicals-register](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/hazardous-chemicals-register).

#### WORKPLACE

Keep the general ventilation or air-conditioning system 'ON' during work hours.

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## WORK STATIONS

Provide adequate lighting.

Provide good air movement, preferably with individual exhaust vents at each work table (exhaust should be discharged to the external atmosphere in accordance to the local council requirements and the current AS 1668.2).

Use and keep a metal waste bin with a self-closing lid at every work station.

## EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Replace charcoal filters of the local exhaust ventilation (LEV) regularly.

## BREAKS FOR STAFF

Provide an adequately ventilated eating area, partitioned from the shop work area.

Provide rest breaks, preferably in-between each client.

## CHEMICAL REGISTER

Identify and mark all nail salon chemicals used in your salon.

Prepare and keep a hazardous chemical register as required by the work health and safety legislation.

## CHEMICAL IDENTITY AND HAZARDS

Provide training required for reading and understanding the content of labels and SDS to all your workers.

Have a folder or electronic version of SDS for all hazardous chemicals (nail products).

Inform all employees where SDS are kept.

Label all chemical (nail product) containers clearly and properly.

## CHEMICAL USE, HANDLING, STORAGE AND FIRST AID

Ask for the most up-to-date SDS for each hazardous chemical (nail product) (SDS are updated every five years).

Provide training to all your workers on hazard communication and proper use, handling and storage of hazardous chemicals as required by the work, health and safety legislation.

Use, handling and store chemicals (nail products) as recommended in the SDS.

Purchase and use appropriate masks and gloves recommended in the SDS for your workers.

Designate a chemical storage area away from the eating area, equipped with a LEV.

Avoid using any nail product containing formaldehyde, toluene, and dibutyl phthalate (The Toxic TRIO).

## CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

Dispose leftover chemicals (nail products) appropriately.

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If you need assistance and advice from us, please contact 13 10 50.

We are here to help you.

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Information on the latest laws can be checked by visiting the NSW legislation website [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)

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